

## Important Tax Information!!

**All** 4-H groups with EIN's must file either the **990 long form** or **E-Postcard** for the 2008 tax year. The filing date in Montana for filing E-Postcards is February 15, 2009. You need to file whether you have received notification to or not. A possibility exists that you may receive a rejection notice after filing, please keep a copy for your records and turn one into the office. The only exception would be clubs/groups that formed in 2008 and have yet to complete a full tax year. They wouldn't file in February if they've only existed a couple of months (i.e.– Lightening Minds 4-H Club).

Go to: <http://epostcard.form990.org> From that site, if you go to “*Technical Support*” and then “*Quick Start*”, it will take you to simple-to-follow instructions.

Each club will find a sheet in their box at the office with a full explanation of why you need to file. As always, if you have questions, please call the office 388-3213.

## Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

Teens 14 years old and older are invited to attend a statewide citizenship event in Helena on March 1-3, 2009. The Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar will showcase state government in action. Each delegate is expected to sponsor a potential “bill” suitable for the “4-H legislature” to act upon. Registration forms are due on February 1st. Contact the 4-H office for complete details and ask about scholarship applications. Applications are due January 12.

## Citizenship Washington Focus - June 7-13, 2009

Teens 15 years old are invited to participate in an event that past delegates have found to be the highlight of their 4-H experience. Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program in Washington D.C. where delegates get a chance to look behind the scenes in our nation's capitol, meet senators and representatives, listen to motivational speakers, attend workshops to learn the governmental process, and increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. Some financial assistance is available. Deadline to apply is February 1st. Contact the 4-H office for complete details.

## Girls for a Change

Mark your calendars for the 2009 day-long conference in Bozeman , Saturday, February 28. This year's theme is The Courage to Climb and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Luanne Freer, will inspire girls as she talks about the volunteer medical clinic she set up at the base of Mt. Everest. Workshops will focus on giving back to your world (service), protecting your world (environment) , understanding your world (culture), caring for yourself in your world (self care) and expression in your world (art, crafts). Contact the Extension Office for more details.

## Montana Winter Fair - Lewistown

The Winter Fair will be held on January 22-25 at the Fergus County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. Montana Winter Fair is a state winter fair consisting of a livestock show, bull expo, youth livestock events, fiddlers contest, art swap and shop, youth educational events, commercial exhibits, farm forum, death by chocolate competition, photography, quilts, farm equipment displays, stock dog trials and clinic, cowboy church, and lots of great Central Montana scenery. 4-H members can enter the Heifer Pen Show, All Breeds Heifer Show, Livestock Judging, Beef Showmanship, Photography, Quilting and Knitting projects, and Food related entries. For more information go to [www.montanawinterfair.com](http://www.montanawinterfair.com).

